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TAKING SCHOOLS TO THE CHILDREN

Teaching the wandering tribes of the Sahara

Deep in the Sahara Desert lie the Hoggar Mountains, a lonely rugged range rising out of the desert and covering hundreds of square miles. Although water is scanty, there are many patches of cultivated ground, with the desert town of Tamanrasset as a little capital.

Roaming through the Hoggars are the nomad Touareg people, and to them the French Government have recently sent two adventurous educationists to start schools for the children of the tribe.

TRAVELLING along the wadis (dry watercourses) and always moving on from well to well with their flocks of camels and goats, the Touareg people have always avoided formal schooling, and when a school was opened in Tamanrasset not a single Touareg boy appeared.

So the alert young teachers decided to go out into the desert and set up school tents for the wandering children.

With a large tent to be used as a school-house and supplies for six weeks, the teachers set off in their jeep along a zigzagging track across the desert to a mountain camp of the Touareg. There they set up their tent.

SHYLY TO SCHOOL

One by one, very shyly at first, the children came to school. At eight each morning the boys from five years old upwards sat at the simple desks set on the hard sand of the tent floor. They were encouraged to talk of what was going on in the camp, how many camels had strayed, whether a new goat was born, and so on.

At midday everyone scatters to get a drink of "curdled milk." The boys go "wood-hunting," sometimes walking for miles to get a few dried roots of trees. They chase the small grey guinea pigs that hide under the big stones, and sometimes roast guinea pig appears for dinner.

DINNER WITH TEACHERS

Living in the open-air, all the children coming to the school are in good physical condition, but the teachers believe that the children could do with more food. So twice a week the school is invited to dinner with the teachers—a tactful way of feeding which the Touareg would never permit otherwise. The older ones are also taken on a trip to Tamanrasset, where they promptly make for the school shower bath.

On coming to the school, none of the children can count. Running wild in the desert, chasing goats, learning the trackways across the bare Hoggar Mountains, the Touareg count by a series of holes in the sand. Adding and subtracting "in the mind" without

making a mark anywhere becomes fascinating for them.

They are quick to learn for they have magnificent memories, an inheritance from a desert nomadic people who must remember routes, landmarks, the tracks of animals, and the "shape" of a shapeless landscape.

If the tribe is staying in one place for two months or more the boys build for the teacher a zeriba—a hut made of tree branches and a special luxury of nomadic life.

LOOKING AFTER CAMELS

Another task usually allotted to one of the boys is the care of two pack camels which are attached to each school for carrying water.

The teaching is in French, for one of the aims of these desert schools is to give the wandering tribesmen of the Sahara a knowledge of the language so that government and culture are more easily spread.

One thing that the teachers have already observed about the Touareg boys is their courtesy, honesty, and generosity. No Touareg ever tells a lie, they say, and he will give everything he has to a guest.

LOST IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

The other day a sheepdog named Dell saved the life of a two-and-a-half-year-old boy, Timothy Farmer, in the Blue Mountains of Australia.

Timothy strayed from his home in Linden, New South Wales, and was missing all day and all night, while a search party looked in vain for him.

But early the following morning one searcher returned with a brown sandshoe which he had found in long grass. The boy's father identified the shoe as Timothy's, and Fred Whitburn, a bus driver, took Dell and went in a different direction to the others. About a mile from where the shoe had been found, Dell suddenly began barking near a waterfall.

In a cave partly hidden by ferns at the back of the waterfall, lay Timothy. The boy was blue with



Portrait of a pony

He is an Exmoor pony, but a Londoner for all that. He was born of Exmoor parents at Maryon Wilson Park in Charlton, London.

NAME AND ADDRESS

An escaped budgerigar which Mr. George Anderson, of Whickham, County Durham, picked up exhausted in a field, soon recovered by the fire at his home.

Suddenly it said, "I'm Bobby Ritson, and I live on Whickham Bank." Mr. Anderson found this correct on returning the bird.

Another budgerigar was captured in Edinburgh and taken to the Lost Property Office. It was heard to repeat several times, "Rikki Swanston, Dalgety Street."

Inquiries revealed that he was indeed Rikki, the property of Mrs. Jean Swanston, of Dalgety Street.

Moral: The first thing to teach your budgerigar to say is your name and address.

DOG'S 200-MILE TRAMP

A few weeks ago a shaggy-haired one-eyed dog named Flap was sleeping on the back of his master's truck on Sturt Highway, 200 miles north of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia. It was a sweltering day, around 100 in the shade and Flap was probably dreaming of a long cool drink.

A sudden jerk, and the mongrel fell off the truck on to the road; and his master, a cattle drover, did not notice what had happened until he had travelled about 50 miles. He turned back and searched the highway, but eventually gave Flap up for lost.

Some days later Flap turned up outside an Alice Springs hotel. His pads were raw, for he had walked 200 miles, but he was reunited with his master.

FOUR WINDSORS UNITE

The children of Clarence Road Primary School in the Royal Borough of Windsor are forging links with young people of three other Windsors.

They are to correspond with schools in Windsor, New Zealand, Windsor, Australia, and Windsor, Ontario, Canada, following a visit to these countries of the Commonwealth by the Mayor of Windsor, Sir Cyril Dyson.

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TRAVELLING SALESMAN OF PEACE

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

PROBABLY the busiest of all the world's busy statesmen today is Mr. John Foster Dulles, the distinguished lawyer who is Secretary of State for the United States. From Washington to London, thence to Berlin, with Paris, Geneva, and Rome as stepping-stones on his travels, this tireless 65-year-old Foreign Minister has during the past few weeks set up what must be a record of diplomatic endeavour.

"John Dulles is the travelling salesman of peace," say his closest colleagues. They believe that his keen intellect and unflagging energy will solve hitherto insuperable world problems. His critics say he is less tactful than a delicately balanced world situation requires.

But whatever view one takes it is certain that Mr. Dulles is well aware of the hazards of trying to overcome the Cold War.

It is rather less than 18 months since President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Dulles as Minister in charge of American foreign policy.

BOYHOOD DREAM

For the elderly lawyer, whose somewhat melancholy features can be transformed—and frequently are—by a sudden friendly smile, his appointment as Secretary of State was the fulfilment of a boyhood dream. He has always had an absorbing interest in international affairs.

Young John Dulles was deeply influenced by the strong faith of his father, a Presbyterian minister, and his family thought that he, too, would become a minister of religion.

That might have happened but for the colourful personality of his grandfather, John W. Foster, who fought in the American Civil War, and became Secretary of State in the closing years of the last century.

When later his uncle Robert

Lansing also became Secretary of State, youthful John Dulles resolved that he, too, must go into the public service of his country.

He went to Princeton University, and there the differing influences exerted by his family background showed up strongly. His ideals mingled with his ambitions, and his dearest aim became that of having some part in creating an international peace based on Christian principles and democratic methods.

His first step was to study international law, and that was how he eventually became the senior lawyer of a world-famous American legal firm specialising in the legal difficulties which arise between nations.

In the meantime his uncle and his grandfather gave him diplomatic missions.

GOVERNMENT ADVISER

During the administration of President Truman he became an adviser and negotiator of the United States Government, and from that point his eventual choice as Secretary of State was inevitable.

People in countries which are firm allies of the Americans have occasionally reproached Mr. Dulles for "indiscretion" in his statements of policy. None has ever doubted his integrity and loyalty to the ideals he has held from boyhood. None has ever doubted that in all his earnest striving his one aim is peace.

SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE AT SOUTHAMPTON

King Edward VI School at Southampton is celebrating its 400th anniversary this week; and on Friday there will be a pilgrimage to the school's three former homes. A brief recital of its life at each of them will be given by a prepositor.

Governors, masters, and boys will begin their pilgrimage at the statue of Dr. Isaac Watts, a celebrated Old Edwardian (1680-90), where they will sing his famous hymn "Our God, our help in ages past," which is also the school hymn.

BACK INTO HISTORY

The procession will then proceed to the buildings in Havelock Road, which were occupied from 1896 to 1938.

Moving back into history, the pilgrims will next go to the West Hall, the school's home from 1696 to 1896, and then to the site of the first home in Winkle Street, near God's House.

Here, in 1554, in quarters in the ancient Town Wall running alongside the edge of Southampton Water, the school began its life

under the provisions of the will of Dr. William Capon, who died in 1550. He had been secretary to Cardinal Wolsey, and was Dean of the college "the proud prelate" established at Ipswich.

King Edward VI granted Letters Patent on June 4, 1553, for the foundation of the school and these, still in perfect condition, are preserved in its library.

TAKING NOTES IN CHURCH

From the school's birthplace the procession will go to Holy Rood Church, where in days gone by the boys were required to take notes of the sermon every Sunday and holy day morning.

The pilgrimage is to end at St. Mary's Church, which also has historic connections with King Edward VI School and is now rising from the ruins of war.

Among other events in these 400th birthday celebrations is an Exhibition in Bargate Guildhall Museum, which will be open until June 27. On June 9 the Duchess of Kent is to visit the school, which today occupies fine modern buildings near the Common.



ONLY now, with the Queen safely back in our midst, do we realise to the full how much we missed her during the six months of the Commonwealth tour.

And once again it is our veteran Prime Minister who, in sonorous and stately prose, has expressed our British minds and hearts on the occasion of her return.

One passage stands out in the brief oration with which he moved the Commons Address of welcome:

"From beginning to end this Royal pilgrimage has reasserted human values, and given a new pre-eminence to the grace and dignity of life. This has not been confined to those who participated in the ceremonies or belong to our wide and varied association . . .

"Indeed, I believe that far beyond her Realm's men and women have gained an accession of moral strength and good humour at a time when these virtues were never more needed to help mankind to use their hearts as well as their brains and so find their way through the problems and perils which baffle intellect alone."

FOR the purposes of national insurance, Ministers of the Crown are regarded as "self-employed"—a classification to which some exception was taken in the Commons recently. They come into what is officially called Class 2.

This class contains what Mr. Osbert Peake, the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, calls "a wide category of miscellaneous but respectable people who are not employed under contract of service." It includes ministers of religion, M.P.s, molecatchers, High Court judges, Test Match umpires, and variety artists.

Ministers of the Crown come into Class 2 "because they are not subject to control or liable individually to dismissal, at any rate by the Crown." Mr. Peake indicates that not since the reign of George III has an individual Minister been dismissed by the Sovereign direct.

IN defending the use of the "guillotine," designed to cut down Commons debate by applying a time-table to various stages of a bill, Viscount Hinchinbrooke said our whole lives are governed by a time-table.

Why was the application of a time-table to debates feared? "People go to a railway station and take a train which departs at a normal time. Do hon. Members opposite propose that the House of Commons should conduct itself like an inane passenger who wants to have an altercation with the engine driver and guard about what time the train should leave? How could we possibly control our lives if that principle were to run wild throughout the national affairs?"

News from Everywhere

LOCOS GO BY ROAD

During the first six months of this year 84 locomotives with their tenders will have been hauled by road from Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, to Liverpool. The engines are for overseas markets.

A bridge to be built over the Kelani River at Colombo, Ceylon, will be modelled on London's Waterloo Bridge.

Latest monthly figures show that Britain's steel production is at the highest rate ever achieved.

Some 2600 boys and girls are being trained in first aid and home nursing by the Surrey branch of the British Red Cross Society.

LISTENING TO ANTS

A device which can detect the sounds made by termites when they move, signal to each other, or even eat has been developed at the University of California.

A sliding roof controlled by push button will be incorporated in a new children's ward at the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth in north-west London.

Next Tuesday, Edinburgh taxi-drivers are to take sick and crippled children of the city on an outing to the seaside at Gullane.

The Duke of Edinburgh is to lay the foundation stone of the new dry berth of the Cutty Sark at Greenwich on Thursday.

All electric clocks in Czechoslovakia will soon be centrally controlled by radio impulses.

GOLDFISH

A small gold chain was found inside a trout caught near Montauban, in France.

On July 15 a party of 30 British students will fly to Moscow and 30 Russian students will begin a sight-seeing holiday in Britain.

Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout, will visit Boy Scouts and Cubs in camp at Amptill, Bedfordshire, on Whit Monday.

Paignton (Devon) Royal Market and Fair, which was proclaimed an annual Whitsuntide holiday under a charter granted by Edward I in 1297, is to be held again on Whit Monday for the first time since about 1860.

About 1300 distinguished guests attended a reception at County Hall to celebrate the jubilee of the London Education Service.

PLAY STREETS

By the end of the summer Budapest will have closed 50 streets to traffic so that children may play in them.

When seven cygnets were swept over a weir at Stafford firemen donned waders and restored them to their parents.

British Railways' latest passenger locomotive has been named Duke of Gloucester.

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100th BIRTHDAY OF N Z CHURCH

A little wooden church built by Church of England missionaries in 1854 at Te Awamutu, 100 miles south of Auckland, has celebrated its centenary.

It was built by Church of England missionaries in 1854. Ten years later a fierce frontier war raged in that corner of New Zealand. Red-coated British soldiers and Colonial volunteers attacked the fortified villages of hostile Maori tribes who had threatened British settlements.

A reminder of those old unhappy far-off days is a tablet placed in the church by soldiers of H.M. 65th Regiment as a memorial to the New Zealanders (Maori tribesmen) who fell in action. It bears the simple inscription: I say unto you, Love your enemies.

BRITAIN'S SHOP WINDOW IN CANADA

The seventh Canadian International Trade Fair is now being held in Toronto. Originally formed to give countries outside Canada a chance of showing their production, the Fair is now an annual event and is the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

Apart from Canada herself, the United Kingdom is again the largest exhibitor among over 20 different countries, and British manufacturers occupy nearly 40,000 square feet of space. They are showing machine tools, constructional and engineering plant, electrical and textile machinery, household and office equipment, and building materials, among a vast range of British-made goods.

WOODEN WINGS

With wooden wings strapped to his body, Leo Valentin, a bold Frenchman, stepped out of an aeroplane at a height of 10,000 feet and glided towards the earth. He was about 47 miles south of Paris at the time and he flew three miles, descending to 2500 feet before opening his parachute.

M. Valentin is the holder of a world's record for delayed parachute jumping.

FULL HOUSE AT SCHOOL PLAY

A public production of Shakespeare's Richard II at a Surrey School can claim a record success. Two weeks before the opening night over 700 tickets were sold in six days for the six public performances. Last year the tickets were all sold out ten days before the first performance!

These young players who "draw" the public belong to Norbury Manor Secondary School; and their Richard II, which has its concluding performances on June 2 and 3, is their seventh Shakespearean production since 1937.

Interest in their plays is the result of great effort and teamwork on the part of teachers and scholars, as well as parents who help to make dresses, sometimes spending several pounds on materials for them. Scenery is made in the School handicraft department, and the decor is painted by boys of 14.

BIRD-WATCHERS OF FARNE

For the next four months George Walker, a 72-year-old retired postman, will make his home in a 14th-century monastery on the uninhabited Farne Islands, off the Northumberland coast.

His job is to protect the rare species of sea-birds nesting on the rocky shores, and his only companion will be 75-year-old George Archibald.

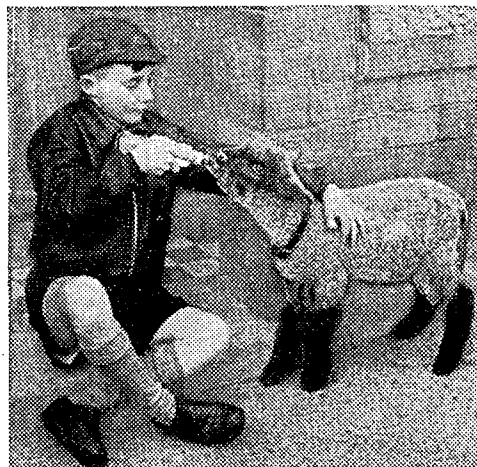
Two other bird-watchers, 72-year-old Richard Nelson and 67-year-old James Turnbull, will live on one of the inner Farne islands in the cottage where Grace Darling once lived.

CUPS FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

The three silver cups in this year's Melville Memorial Competition for juniors, organised by the Philatelic Congress, have been won by Christopher Clarkson of Leeds in the under-12 class, Roger Flood of Birmingham in the 12 to under-15 class, and Peter Leeks of Tunbridge Wells in the 15 to under-17 class.

Bottle baby

Ten-year-old Peter Walker of Grimsby feeds his pet lamb, Toots, who just revels in a bottle of milk or a basin of bread and milk. Peter often takes his pet for walks in the street, keeping him safely on a dog-lead. In a year or so, however, they will have to part, for Toots will then be a ram!



SWALLOWS THAT HAD THEIR WAY

Observing with some displeasure that a pair of swallows had begun to build a nest directly over the door of his thatched cottage, a householder living near Braintree, Essex, pulled out the first woven wisps of straw with a rake.

He had reckoned, however, without the birds. The next day the two swallows were as busy as ever, paying regular visits to the original site above the door with their beaks full of mud and straw.

The householder again pulled out the partly-formed nest, only to find on the following day that the swallows were fetching and carrying as busily as ever. The battle of wills went on for the best part of a week with neither side apparently willing to throw up the sponge.

On the fifth morning the householder heard a commotion in the garden. At least a dozen swallows were swooping in and out from his porch, all intent on bearing materials for the long-contested nest. Obviously a call for help had been made, and although it was not yet eleven o'clock the nest was more than half finished.

At this gesture of defiance the householder gave up the struggle, and now the pair of swallows are snugly installed in their nest above the door.

GAS ON PARADE

The Science Museum at South Kensington is always worth a visit, but now it has an extra attraction in the Gas Gallery.

This display includes a series of dioramas showing early experiments in producing gas from coal, among them the pioneer achievement of the great inventor, William Murdock, the first man to light his house with gas.

There are also 18 moving illuminated panels that show the various processes involved in manufacturing gas, and a cyclorama illustrating the gas lighting of London streets from 1812 to 1890.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

Wanting to raise money for a home for blind babies, nine boys and girls of Stow Bridge, Norfolk, had the bright idea of giving a concert.

They had no hall, but they persuaded a kindly farmer to loan them a big chicken house in a field. Here, charging 2d. admission and giving four performances, they raised £2 for a most worthy cause.

MODEL AIRCRAFT RALLY

Miniature planes with engines of up to 10 c.c. are expected to fly at 150 m.p.h. and more at the National Model Aircraft Rally at Waterbeach, near Cambridge. The speed-to-scale of a full-sized fighter would have to be 5000 m.p.h. to compare with these junior editions! But the motors of the diminutive models are far more powerful for their capacity than their larger counterparts—outputs of 125 h.p. per litre being commonplace.

Among the 17 classes of models entered are gliders and planes powered by rubber, by little piston engines, and by jets. In certain contests these fly freely; in others they are controlled by radio or steel control lines. There are contests for duration, speed, load-carrying, precision of flight, and for racing.

The Rally at R.A.F. Waterbeach is being held on June 5, 6, and 7, and, for the first time, it is combined with the British Championships. Model aircraft enthusiasts are in for three exciting days.

NEW UNIVERSITY

Hull University College has become Hull University by Royal Charter and thus becomes Yorkshire's third university.

A £250,000 endowment fund was provided in 1927 for the University College by the late T. R. Ferens of Hull, and the City Council gave £150,000 for the building and equipment of its first buildings.

Schoolgirl's Best Friend



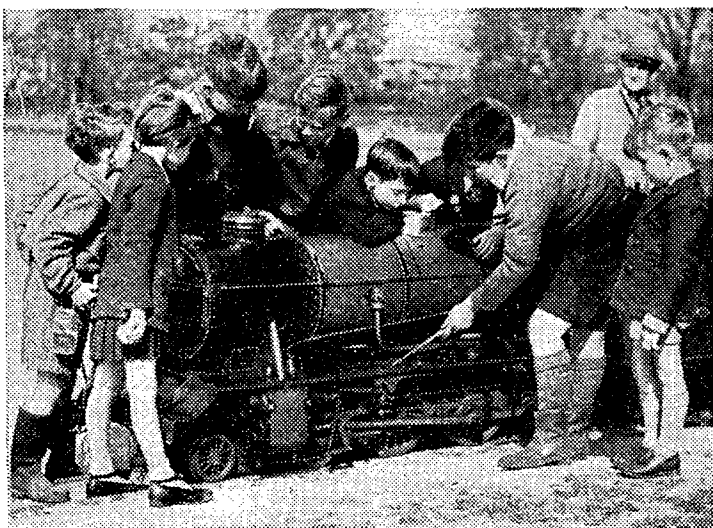
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Oiler-in-chief

Here we see 11-year-old Brian Southam of Sidcup who acts as oiler-in-chief to a 30 cwt. model Princess Class locomotive (Midland Region). The loco. runs on the very popular railway at Danson Park, Bexley, Kent, where the track is laid alongside a lake.

CAMERA CORNER

Continuing our series of articles by an expert to help in getting better results from a favourite hobby.

10. Sports photography

THIS is the season of sports meetings and you will certainly want to take photographs at them. It is great fun, providing that you know the limitations of your camera and do not expect it to perform the impossible.

Before you can decide on the best way to take your photographs, you must know the types of movement made by competitors in the various sports. Once you have this knowledge in your head you can forecast fairly accurately what will happen at any time. The camera controls can then be set and the camera pointed in the right direction well in advance.

You will find that it is best to use the camera from a low angle, so that the subject is outlined against the sky. This always creates a dramatic effect, with the subject standing out boldly.

With javelin throwing and pole-vaulting it is essential to see that the competitors' faces are not obscured by javelins or poles. This brings us to the question of the best time for taking pictures, and this depends on the shutter speeds available on your camera.

The correct shutter speed is determined by the speed and direction of movement of the subject. This was explained last week, and if your camera restricts

you to slow speeds you must choose fairly static scenes.

For example, if you wish to photograph track runners from the side, this requires a speed of at least one five-hundredth of a second. But you need only one two-hundredth when the runners are coming towards you. However, if you take a picture of them at the "get ready," when on their marks, one twenty-fifth of a second is quite sufficient.

Many good sports pictures are taken at the DEAD POINT. This occurs in all upward movement at the moment when an object has stopped rising and not yet started to fall.

You will have noticed that a high jumper seems to pause momentarily at the top of his jump. You can photograph this at one-hundredth of a second.

The best way to do it, is to point the camera where the dead-point will occur and press the button immediately the subject appears in the view-finder. Make sure that the depth-of-focus is sufficient, hold the camera very still and keep your eye on the view-finder.

To produce sharp sports photographs, you must use fairly high shutter speeds. However, the humble box camera is quite useful if you restrict yourself to pictures of slow movement. W. S. S.



Seeing father off

Mr. Robin Anderson of Wokingham is a civilian flying instructor at the A.T.C. Gliding School at White Waltham, Berkshire. Here we see him ready to take off on an instructional flight while his air-minded children, seven-year-old Peter and nine-year-old June, make a last-minute inspection.

GIRLS WIN FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Two girls who are learning to fly, free of charge, this summer, are 18-year-old Judith Pruet, a student of Hove, Sussex, and Yvonne Turner, 19, a local government clerk of Southall, Middlesex. Their chance to qualify as pilots has come through winning flying scholarships awarded by the Women's Junior Air Corps. They will receive W.J.A.C. wings when they have obtained the official Private Pilot's licence, after instruction up to ten hours solo.

Judith is to learn at Shoreham aerodrome, and Yvonne at Denham Flying Club.

The W.J.A.C., the only corps which gives scholarships enabling girls to learn to fly, is holding a national recruiting campaign this summer. The corps' plane, Grey Dove, is visiting various places.

Its assistant pilot is Mrs. Daab, a Polish woman who flew with the A.T.A. during the war, and has experience of 60 or 70 different types of aircraft.

It happened this week

JOAN OF ARC BURNED

MAY 30, 1431. ROUEN.—

Joan of Arc, the village maid who led the French armies to victory against our troops in France, was today burnt as a heretic in the old market square of this cobbled French town.

As she was being chained to the stake she kissed a crucifix brought from a nearby church, having earlier declined a cross made of two sticks offered to her by an English soldier.

A few minutes earlier she implored the priests who had handed her over to the civil authority to be burnt to say a mass for her soul.

As the flames blazed around her this heroic girl was heard to cry loudly: "Jesus." Her ashes were later cast into the Seine from the town bridge.

Throughout her long trial she constantly reiterated that her visions were true and that she was responsible only to God, and not the Church, for her acts.

(In 1920 Pope Benedict XV canonised her as Saint Joan of Arc.)

BOER WAR ENDS

MAY 31, 1902. VEREENIGING.—After six weeks' negotiation, the signing of the peace treaty here today ends the greatest war in which Britain has been engaged for nearly 100 years.

Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener signed the ten-point treaty on behalf of the British Government. The formal annexation by Britain of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal has already been proclaimed.

War broke out on October 11, 1899, two days after the Boer ultimatum, when Free State Boers seized a Natal railway train on their borders.

During this severe struggle Kimberley was beleaguered, Ladysmith besieged, and Mafeking defended against great odds.

LIONS SPARE LAMBS

JUNE 3, 1605. LONDON.—The lions lay down with a lamb when King James and his courtiers went to the lion house in the Tower today.

Animals have been kept in the Tower ever since three leopards presented to King Henry III were sent there. The animals have always drawn great crowds.

Today the lamb was lowered as a bait. But the lions wore a puzzled look and contented themselves with sniffing at the lamb, which was later hauled up again, unharmed.

In the 14th century it cost 6d. a day to maintain a lion in the Tower and only 1d. for each human prisoner.

The Safe Way

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2000-YEAR-OLD CRIME

Unravelling an ancient mystery on Television

By Ernest Thomson, our TV and Radio Correspondent

SHERLOCK HOLMES and Dr. Watson never stalked so ancient a mystery as the one to be tackled in TV on Friday evening by Sir Mortimer Wheeler and Glyn Daniel.

Together they will try to solve the riddle of the Tollund Man, a Dane of the Iron Age whose body, almost perfectly preserved after 2000 years in the tannic acid of a peat bog, was found some four years ago. He appeared to have been murdered.

Glyn Daniel, well-known as chairman of TV's Animal, Vegetable, Mineral?, writes detective stories; Sir Mortimer Wheeler is a distinguished archaeologist, who is also well-known for his correct answers in the TV game. To help them unravel the Peat Bog Murder Mystery, a special BBC film was made in Denmark. Copies are being presented to Denmark's National Museum and the TV Service.

The programme will also include a Bronze Age "fashion parade" with woollen clothes copied from those found in Danish burial grounds dating back 3500 years.

New play for Julia

JULIA LOCKWOOD, whom many young viewers will remember in Heidi last year, is back on Thursday to play the leading part in a new TV play, The Secret Way: Its author is Diana Hardyment, a film writer trying her hand at TV for the first time.

The story, crackling with adventure, is about Sandra, a young girl who would like to play cowboys and Indians with the boys who live

next door to her grandparents, with whom she is staying. The grandparents object, but change their minds when burglars come on the scene. The Secret Way will be repeated on Sunday. Julia, who plays Sandra, is daughter of film-star Margaret Lockwood.

First of Eurovision

EUROVISION makes history next Monday when eight European countries now operating TV services begin a month of programme exchanges. First-day honours fall to Switzerland and Italy. At 3.30 p.m. on Monday viewers all over western Europe will see Switzerland's Festival of Narcissus, which is followed at 6 p.m. by a visit to the Vatican.

Eurovision will involve 4000 miles of cable, radio, and vision channels extending from Rome to Belfast. There will be 44 separate TV transmitters operating and four converter stations for changing picture definitions in different countries.

At the Royal Tournament

A DUMMY pilot shot out of the ejector seat of a modern jet aircraft is one of the "performers" in this year's Royal Tournament at Earl's Court, London, which is to be televised in two parts. The first half will be seen on Friday, the second on Saturday. In Children's TV on Sunday, Roy Bradford will take young viewers behind the scenes.

Sports quiz

ANY Questions? in the Light on Fridays is to give place during the summer to a new series, Sporting Questions, starting on Friday. With Alan Gibson as Question-Master, sporting personalities will be quizzed on their particular game.

On Friday, with cricket as the subject, the team will be Denzil Batchelor, sports editor of Picture Post; E. W. Swanton and Peter West, the cricket commentators; and Andy Wilson, the Gloucestershire player.

Meet them all in Paradise Street



HAVE you noticed that Max Bygraves strolls down Paradise Street in the Light on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock instead of 9.30 p.m.? I hear the change was made because hundreds of children and parents wrote in protesting

about the late hour on which this show was presented.

In our photograph Max Bygraves (second from left) is seen with some of his Paradise Street friends—Hattie Jacques, Adele Dixon, and Spike Milligan.

NOW ON VIEW AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY

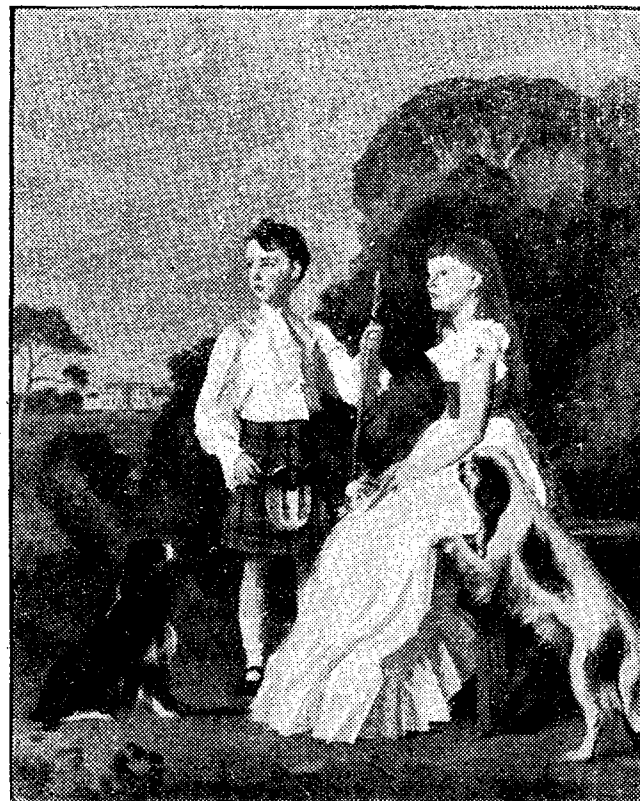


A Corporal of Horse, by Sir Alfred Munnings, P.P.R.A.

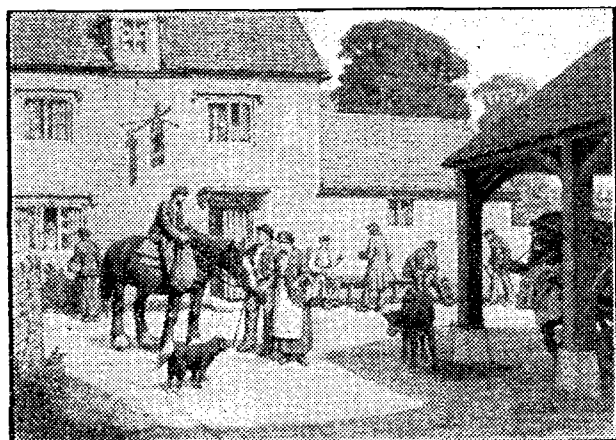


Lt.-Col. J. P. Carne, V.C., D.S.O.,
by F. Cadogan Cowper, R.A.

HERE are some of the outstanding paintings from this year's exhibition of the Royal Academy at Burlington House, London. The catalogue lists no fewer than 1365 exhibits—in oil, water-colour, and tempera, with miniatures, drawings, engravings, etchings, sculpture, and architectural drawings and models. This is the 186th exhibition of the R.A.



Janet and Jaimie, children of the Hon. Kenneth Weir of Montgremnan, by A. K. Lawrence, R.A.



Where village news goes round, by Stanley Anderson, R.A.



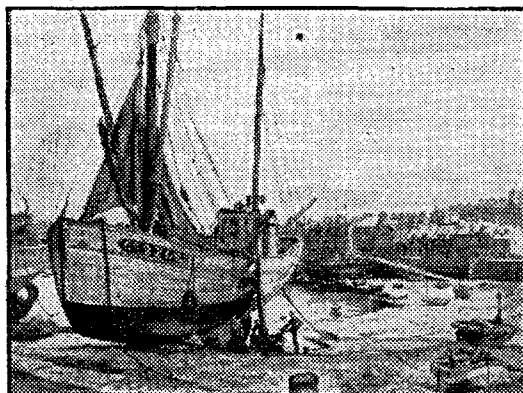
Her Majesty the Queen: the State Portrait,
by James Gunn, A.R.A.



Summer, by William Dring, A.R.A.



John Walter Wolseley, by Dame Laura Knight, R.A.



Camaret-sur-Mer, by J. B. Stafford-Baker



Prosper Devas, by Anthony Devas, A.R.A.

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OIL ON THE WATERS

AT last the grave problem of oil pollution of the sea is to be tackled on an international scale. Forty nations recently adopted a convention aimed at preventing the dumping of waste oil from ships in zones near the coast.

The condition of the waters round the shores of many lands has become steadily worse with the residue discharged from increasing numbers of oil-burning vessels.

Expanses of sticky oil, floating on the surface, endanger the lives of sea creatures. Birds, especially guillemots, become pitifully helpless, and unless rescued and cleaned by kindly folk slowly perish.

Young seals, oyster beds, salmon, and other fish are similarly threatened.

Waste oil is also a perpetual menace to the comfort of holiday makers, for it soils the beaches, as countless thousands who have had clothes and bathing towels stained know to their cost.

Under the new agreement, ships will not be allowed to discharge waste oil in zones which, generally, are 50 miles from any coast. Facilities are to be provided in ports for its disposal.

How far the new agreement can be enforced remains to be seen. Lovers of wild life would have liked something more drastic; but it is a step forward, and another conference on the subject is to be held within three years.

JUST AN IDEA

The man who is an optimist is usually a success, for his mind is never worrying about the reasons why a thing cannot be done.



Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If firemen
have heated
arguments

The policeman's place in this country is unique. He knows his station.

Some people are always changing their minds. But rarely seem to get a better one.

TV does not pay enough attention to anglers. It should ask What's Their Line?

A man complained that his bedroom window was always rattling. It was remedied in two shakes.

An expert knitter is willing to drop a few hints. But not stitches.

There is an art in selling pictures. Sometimes more than there is in the pictures.

The Editor's Table

HELPING-HAND SEALS

NEXT week will be Polio Post Week, and penny seals to stick on letters can be bought for the benefit of those permanently disabled by the disease. The aim of the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship, which has organised the Post Week, is to help victims to overcome their physical handicaps and to get themselves jobs.

A special appeal for children who have been crippled by infantile paralysis is being made by Annette Mills, the TV star, whose picture with Prudence Kitten is on one of the two sets of seals.

This is the Fellowship's fourth annual Post Week. Last year £2000 was raised, which was double the previous year's total. It would be a fine achievement if all the 2,500,000 seals which have been printed this year were to be sold, and thus reap the record sum of £10,416.

They can be obtained (2s. 6d. for a sheet of 30) from the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship, 1 Springfield Terrace, Harrow, Middlesex (Tel.: Harrow 1510).

Old customs of Whitsuntide

MORRIS dancers perform their traditional dances on Whit Monday at Bampton, Oxfordshire, just as their forefathers did centuries ago. They wear brightly coloured pads on their legs, and wreaths of flowers round their hats.

At St. Briavels, in the Forest of Dean, cubes of bread and cheese are distributed to the congregation after the Whit Sunday service. The ceremony is said to mark the old rights of the inhabitants of St. Briavels to cut timber in an enclosure of 1000 acres known as the Hudnalls. The villagers have enjoyed this privilege since 1206.

Another ancient Whitsun custom is observed at Cooper's Hill, near Gloucester. On Whit Monday wooden discs—locally called "cheeses"—are trundled down the slope, and young men and lads race after them; those who manage to secure a cheese get a prize.

This custom is held to preserve the ancient right of the villagers of Brockworth to graze sheep and cattle on the slopes of Cooper's Hill.

Sportsman's gift

ONE of Australia's most distinguished citizens, Sir Frank Beaurepaire, has given £165,000 to the University of Melbourne for a Sports Centre.

A great sportsman himself, winner of more than 200 championships during his wonderful swimming career, he knows that the right sporting activities make for healthier men and women as well as developing character and leadership. "Sport has kept me healthy and alert throughout my life," he says.

His characteristically generous gift will be nobly used.

Clock window



A novel idea for a shop front is this giant cuckoo clock, which actually works. It is a clockmaker's shop at Wiesbaden, Germany.

Think on These Things

PSALM 51 is a prayer asking for God's mercy and forgiveness.

The writer acknowledges that he has done wrong and states his awareness that God desires truth "in the inward parts."

That means the need for a man to be honest with himself. If a man be not honest with himself it is not possible for him to be honest with God.

God gives good gifts to his friends, including "a clean heart" and a "right spirit" and the "joy of salvation."

To be honest with oneself is the beginning of friendship with God. It begins in wanting to share with God all our secret thoughts, ambitions, and desires.

F. P.

THE VESPER

Oh! what rare bliss as day fades to eve
To see bird-cherry blooms dance and weave
Their trembling maze in the sunset's glow,
As dark, like a curtain, falters low,
And from on high, ringing clear and loud,
The lark's last vesper from a distant cloud!

Herbert Stoneley

THE GOOD WORK WELL DONE

BILLY GRAHAM, the American evangelist, won great renown in London by his straightforward Christian message. His campaign throughout was a manly, inspiring effort, and his undoubted sincerity won the praises of all who went to the meetings.

Mr. Graham has given religion in Britain a splendidly encouraging addition to its forces; about a million and a half people went to hear him, and many thousands of them decided publicly to join forces with Christianity.

These facts speak volumes for Mr. Graham's methods, however unorthodox they may appear. Nothing but good can come from his visit.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, June 7, 1924

Do you know what is the capital of Wales? You do not, because there is none! Wales has been joined to England so long that she has not felt the need of a capital.

But Welsh patriots think she ought to have one, even if there is no particular national work to be done there. The difficulty is which town to choose, and how to choose it. Australia found it so difficult to decide between rival claims that she is building, at Canberra, a new capital altogether.

The Prime Minister, when asked to decide for Wales, said that the Government could not intervene without some evidence as to the desire of Wales in the matter, so now a newspaper has been trying to get the evidence required.

Rewards of Poetry

Poetry has been to me an exceeding great reward; it has soothed my afflictions; it has multiplied and refined my employments; it has endeared my solitude; and it has given me the habit of wishing to discover the good and beautiful in all that meets and surrounds me.

S. T. Coleridge



OUR HOMELAND

A picturesque corner of West Peckham in Kent

THEY SAY . . .

GOOD traditions are like useful pieces of furniture and precious jewels handed down in a family from generation to generation. They are to be valued highly.

Dr. Neville Davidson,
Minister of Glasgow Cathedral

LEADERSHIP is the art of getting somebody else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

President Eisenhower

THIS is the third time since 1945 that I have come out of retirement. I feel better for work.

Mr. Stephen Orton
of Nuneaton, who is 84

IT is startling to realise that American schools hold about 85 per cent of the age group from 14 to 18. The Americans at least maintain contact with their young people in these impressionable years.

Director of Education
for Edinburgh

Out and About

THE fresh green of most trees and grasses is now at its best, in full leaf but still new.

Bird-song, too, is still almost a full choir of voices, though egg-laying has been followed by the rearing of young, which keeps many of the parent birds busy.

The high tide of the year in our lovely country is later as you go farther north, but for most parts the halcyon days are from late May to mid-June.

We use the phrase "halcyon days" for a kind mood in the weather, or any happy period, but "halcyon" was the Latin name for the kingfisher.

Shakespeare's line, "Expect St. Martin's summer, halcyon days," reminds us that the phrase then meant either the period around Martinmas in November or around the shortest days in December.

The idea came from an old legend that the female kingfisher brooded over her eggs at the winter solstice (most unseasonable) on a nest of floating fish-bones, and that the weather kept calm for a fortnight while she brooded.

C. D. D.

REPORT ON WILD LIFE

News of nesting birds

Two fine heronries in the tree tops in the Eden Valley of Cumberland hatched off very successful broods of young herons this year above Corby Castle, near Wetheral, and in the upper river valley near Edenhall, not far from Penrith.

The little roe deer, shyest and least numerous of British native deer, is wild in several parts of this beautiful corner of England. It roams from the woods near Cartmel Fell in the south to the old Inglewood Forest near the Scottish-Northumbrian borders, and I was able to see these deer—and to hear the loud, hound-like bark of the roebuck, at close quarters in several places.

Like North Wales, Lakeland is slowly recovering its population of peregrine falcons. Many of these birds had to be destroyed by the R.A.F. during the war, when they endangered the pigeon service upon which they preyed. The peregrine falcon nested again this year on the crags overlooking Ennerdale, and on another crag overlooking Loweswater. This is a very fast-flying bird-of-prey, resorting to steep crags and mountain-sides where its chattering screams of alarm become very noticeable once its eggs hatch.

THE 26th annual Report of the Devon Bird-Watching and Preserving Society, recently issued, is a digest of 4000 bird records from the south-western corner of England. These include a kite which visited Exmoor in the Lorna Doone country, where the rare Montagu's harrier was also seen. Other rare visitors included roseate terns at Dawlish Warren, a little egret in the Otter Estuary, and several hoopoes.

A census of Devon's herons found 204 nests used at 19 heronries. Ravens and buzzards nested in the Chapel Wood bird sanctuary, at Spreacombe, but the sanctuary is also troubled with grey squirrels, which are accused of taking the tawny owls' eggs from two of their nests.

Of the spotted flycatcher it is reported that a pair of these small, summer-visiting birds have nested in the same place for the fourth year in succession. One year they laid the first four eggs of their clutch on consecutive days and then there was a gap of four clear days before the fifth egg was laid and incubation commenced.

Another pair, whose nest was wrecked in a gale, were found the following day feeding a nearby brood of young blackbirds with butterflies!

FROM famous East Anglian bird sanctuaries we learn that at Scolt Head Island 1170 nests of common terns, 60 of the little tern, and 56 of the Sandwich tern were counted, together with 50 of the oyster-catcher, 45 of the ringed plover, 22 of the redshank, five of the common wild duck, and one of the wheatear.

The Blakeney Point sanctuary had 1921 nests of common tern, 78 little terns, 41 Sandwich terns, and two Arctic terns. The Cley sanctuary had two nests of the bittern and four of the stone-curlew. The bittern also nested at Hickling Broad as well as the little garganey duck.

At Horsey Mere, bitterns and marsh-harriers were often seen squabbling in the air near their nesting areas, and this sanctuary also had Montagu's harriers, whilst its bearded titmice are also increasing in number. All these are very scarce British nesting birds elsewhere in the country.

MANY readers will know that the herring-fishery follows the migration of the herring shoals down our eastern coast each summer. By tagging or marking these fish, Government scientists learn how far they travel. Many journeys between 20 and 40 miles have been recorded, but one herring, marked off Lowestoft, was found 161 miles away at Bognor Regis.

E. H.

OUR ROYAL CHILDREN

Delightful stories of Prince Charles and Princess Anne accompany delightful photographs in a new booklet called *Our Bonny Royal Children*, by Dorothy Laird (Pitkin Pictorials, 2s. 6d.).

When they said goodbye to "Mummy and Papa" last November, it must have been rather a solemn moment for them. There were compensations, however, especially in the company of their much-loved Grannie, the Queen Mother, whose joy is to provide little treats; and, of course, "Aunt Margot," Princess Margaret, who always enters into the spirit of their games.

There were the exciting diversions of staying at Sandringham, and the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park, and the fun of going by car to some distant park where they could play games and make "houses" in the bushes without

being recognised. There were frequent meetings with their young friends.

Nevertheless, 158 days is a long time in the lives of small folk, and we can be sure that the thoughts of this pair never strayed very far from Mummy and Papa. There were constant letters and postcards from their parents, and the Queen spoke to them six times on the radio telephone.

And then, at last, came that wonderful voyage in the Britannia, and the crowning joy of family reunion at Tobruk, with the special thrill—deeply satisfying to the very young—of having it noticed how much one has grown since being last seen.

The merry smiles and eager looks of these two lovely children assure a wide welcome for this excellent collection of photographs and the story that goes with them.

The CN Critic reviews two new films, one of which concerns an . . .

ADVENTURE WITH KING ARTHUR

FOR some reason the story of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table seems to have appealed to several of the film-making companies at about the same time. Two big and expensive films about the story have already come to London, and a third is expected soon.

The first to arrive is called *Prince Valiant*, and it is the one least concerned to be serious. In fact, most people have found it easy to laugh at—sometimes in the wrong places. Nevertheless it is quite a rousing adventure story, and if you are ready to overlook the American accents and turns of phrase in the dialogue you should find it quite exciting.

It is about a young Viking prince called Valiant (played by Robert Wagner) who comes to King Arthur (Brian Aherne) to ask for help for his father, the King of Scandia, who has been deposed by Sligon, a villainous usurper.

Valiant becomes squire to the bluff, kindly Sir Gawain (Sterling Hayden); and one big scene is the tournament at which—masquerading in the armour of Sir Gawain, who is recovering from wounds—he is unhorsed by Sir Brack (James Mason).

GREAT BATTLE

It is a punishable offence to pose as a knight, and Valiant is sentenced to imprisonment by the Round Table. But he gets a message from his father the king, and escapes over the sea.

Then comes the really spectacular scene: a terrific battle in the castle at Scandia. By the end of it, flames (from the oil which is poured down on to the besiegers) are roaring from end to end of the long CinemaScope screen. Prince Valiant kills Sligon (Primo Carnera) in a great fight and rescues his father and mother; then he goes back to England to reveal the identity of the mysterious traitor at King Arthur's court.

It is hardly very correct historically, and it does not even follow the famous legends as told by Sir Thomas Malory in *Le Morte d'Arthur*; but most people will find it an entertaining adventure story. And CinemaScope makes many of the big scenes (in Technicolor) beautiful and impressive.

IN his new picture, *Knock on Wood*, Danny Kaye is a ventriloquist, whose dummies Terence and Clarence are used by



Danny the ventriloquist



Alota and her father, King Luke (Barry Jones), with Valiant (left) and Sir Brack—a scene from *Prince Valiant*

two rival international gangs of spies as hiding-places for the blueprints of a new and deadly secret weapon.

At first he knows nothing about this, and cannot understand why menacing-looking men pursue him from Paris to Zurich, from Zurich to London. But after a great deal of confusion he finds out what is

going on, and at last, of course, he manages to defeat the spies.

And while doing it he has many very funny adventures. The funniest of all comes at the end, when to escape his pursuers (and by this time the police, as well as the spies, are after him) he dresses up as a performer in a ballet and has to go on to the stage.

Danny Kaye involved in a ballet performance, having to imagine what he ought to do when the leading lady jumps into his arms in the middle of a dance, is likely to make even the most serious-minded person laugh.

Among the other comic scenes is one where he pretends to be a very English salesman in a motor showroom. He takes a would-be purchaser out in a car that does all sorts of unexpected things when he unwarily presses buttons and switches.

Many people agree that this is the funniest film he has made for some time. Perhaps it is hard to take the spy story very seriously—but in a Danny Kaye film, who wants to take the story seriously?



Danny plays the trumpet

THE DUMMIES MADE FOR DANNY

It is said there are only about four makers of dummies for ventriloquists in the whole world. Two live in Europe, two in U.S.A. And one of the latter is Glen Cargyle, who made the twin figures which Danny Kaye uses in the Paramount film, *Knock on Wood*.

These two models, called Terence and Clarence, had to resemble Danny Kaye when he was a boy, a challenge to the craftsman's skill. Mr. Cargyle found that Danny's lower lip has a curvature that is hard to copy. He tried leather, but that wrinkled badly when the dummy was manipulated, so he made the lip of sponge rubber. This has the advantage of eliminating the crack visible in most dummies on both sides of the chin. It took him 164 hours to design and mechanise the first one, and he was paid 1600 dollars for the pair.

Made of rubber, plaster, and wood, Terence and Clarence are a credit to their creator. They have eyebrows that react realistically, with moving eyes, ears that wiggle,

eyelids that open and close and, of course, moving mouths. About the only thing they lacked when they left Mr. Cargyle's workshop was the ability to answer him back.

Glen Cargyle, who is still at Los Angeles State College, working for his M.A. degree, must find it hard not to let his model-making interfere with his studies. He makes an average of 16 figures a month for America's 1000 ventriloquists, and also for professionals elsewhere.

DISNEYLAND, CALIFORNIA

Walt Disney, the American cartoon film producer, has announced plans for a £3,210,000 amusement centre which is to be built near Los Angeles, U.S.A.

The main feature will be a fantasy world resembling a giant film set. A playground, museum, and showplace will all be combined in the 16-acre centre.

Visitors entering the show-ground will be greeted by giant statues of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Pluto, and other Disney creations.

ANTARCTIC WINTER AHEAD

While we in Britain have been tasting the delights of early summer, the Australians at the Antarctic base at Mawson have been busy settling themselves in for the winter.

Even in the "autumn" things were by no means pleasant. They lived in an insulated store-hut in which the floor was covered by drift snow during blizzards. The temperature indoors was either freezing or, while the stoves were burning, uncomfortably hot.

However, a long period of "fine weather" has enabled them to finish building their permanent hut, and they now have warm and comfortable quarters. They even have electric light.

50 DEGREES OF FROST

Outside, temperatures have fallen to 18 degrees below zero—50 degrees of frost. The seal meat they give to their dogs is frozen so hard that chips fly off it when it is cut with an axe! Daylight is shortening, and the sea is solid ice.

But they have already made their first journey of exploration, attempting to reach neighbouring Mount Henderson in snow vehicles called weasels. They were stopped by dangerous crevasses. At the first opportunity they intend exploring the interior of MacRobertson Land.

PENNINE TUNNEL

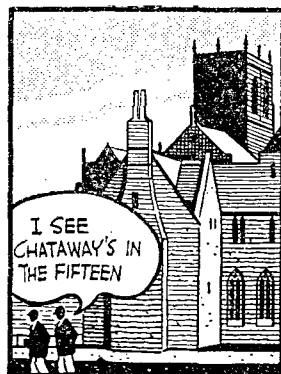
The new Woodhead tunnel through the Pennines, on the main line between Manchester and Sheffield, is to be officially opened on Thursday (June 3) by the Minister of Transport, Mr. A. Lennox Boyd. Special trains will take guests to the ceremony.

Woodhead tunnel is three miles 65 yards long, slightly longer than the twin tunnels it replaces. It is the third longest railway tunnel in Britain, only the Severn and the Dore and Totley (Yorks) tunnels being longer.

It has taken five years to construct and has cost over £4,000,000.

Steps to Sporting Fame

Chris Chataway



Britain is rich in "milers" just now, and among the best is auburn-haired Christopher John Chataway, born at Chelsea on January 31, 1931. He is studying at Oxford.

Chris was educated at Sherborne, but running did not figure very prominently in the school programme. In those days, anyway, young Chataway preferred Rugby. He won a place in the fifteen and also became captain of the boxing team.

It was while at Oxford that he developed on the track, with creditable performances at one, two, and three miles. In 1952 he had cruel luck in the Olympic 5000 metres when he tripped and fell with only 100 yards to go. He finished fifth.

Last year, with Bill Nankerville, Don Seaman, and Roger Bannister, he shared in a world record for the 4 by 1 mile relay. This year, with Chris Brasher, he was an unselfish pace-maker for Bannister when Roger ran his world record mile.

HOME OF GEORGE FOX TO BE PRESERVED

Swarthmoor Hall, George Fox's old home on the fells outside Ulverston in Lancashire, has been bought for the Society of Friends as a permanent memorial to their founder.

Hundreds of visitors from all parts of the world come to Swarthmoor each year to see the mellow old hall which has been lived in as a home for over three hundred years.

When George Fox first saw it in 1652, Swarthmoor was the home of Judge Fell and his wife Margaret. Fox came in his leathern breeches, his long black coat and tall hat, riding his horse over the muddy Lancashire roads.

The great preacher came to ask permission to hold a meeting in the "great room" of Judge Fell's house. Margaret Fell was at once greatly interested in the simplicity of George Fox's teaching, and so Friends' or Quaker meetings started at Swarthmoor Hall.

Seventeen years later, when Margaret Fell had been a widow for eleven years, she and George Fox were married and lived at

Swarthmoor. From there the famous preacher went out on his religious campaigns all across England, but he loved to come back to Swarthmoor and the lonely fells.

Whenever he announced that he was proposing to return his stepdaughter Sarah, who kept house, always sent a message to a



Swarthmoor Hall

shopkeeper in Lancaster to send a little sweet wine, and some tobacco. We find that one order for three pounds of tobacco cost half-a-crown, and that three pipes were a penny.

From the windows of Swarth-

moor Hall can be seen the sands of Morecambe Bay, which still have a treacherous track across them to Lancaster. In George Fox's day those twenty miles of sand, at low tide, were the high road for goods from Lancaster market.

Once every week the carrier used to venture across with oranges and lemons imported from Spain, cheese from Holland, red herrings, French beans, oil of almonds, chocolate, hops, and—what Sarah Fell loved very much—brown sugar, which came from London.

Swarthmoor Hall was the home where George Fox, to whom all the world is in debt as one of the great pioneers of religion, could relax and smoke his pipe and write his letters. He often had to spend 2s. 6d. in sending a special messenger to Lancaster to catch the post.

Because of its famous associations, and because Swarthmoor is such a pleasant place to visit today, it is good news to know that the Quakers themselves are now its owners.

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NINE MILLION FRIENDS OF NATURE

Over nine million boys and girls in the United States are now enrolled in the Audubon Junior Clubs which exist to interest their members in the wonders of nature.

It is just 40 years since their founder, Mrs. Russell Sage, was shocked by seeing so many dead birds in her travels through the country. So she started a club to persuade boys and girls to respect wild life, giving it the name of John Audubon, the great American naturalist and bird artist. The clubs are formed in schools, Scout troops, camp fire movements, and children's hospitals.

FOR BLIND CHILDREN

There is also a special one for blind children. These members recognise various birds by handling cardboard cut-outs while listening to recordings of bird songs. They also identify trees by feeling the bark.

The Audubon Clubs encourage children to explore their gardens and school grounds, and to know the animals and plants living there. The clubs show the link between plants, animals, and human beings, and impress on members the danger of interfering with the processes of nature.

Any group of ten children can form an Audubon Junior Club, and in the United States each member receives a certificate, a badge, six bird leaflets, an animal leaflet, and seven coloured pictures.

STONE AGE VILLAGE

A Stone Age village, thought to have existed 4000 years ago, has been discovered, south-west of Beersheba, in Israel. Ten houses of oval shape, which were dug into the hillside, have been excavated. They have roughly-cut windows and underground water and grain tanks, and are joined by tunnels.

The inhabitants, besides being farmers, had primitive furnaces for the smelting of copper ore. They used tools made of flint, some of which have been found.

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER—picture-version of Mark Twain's famous story (3)



That night the two lads went to the graveyard to try Huck's way of curing warts with a dead cat. "Hoss" Williams had just been buried and Huck presumed that devils would come for him. "You heave your cat after 'em," he explained, "and say, 'devil follow corpse, cat follow devil, warts follow cat, I'm done with ye!'" Tom was scared. "Say, Huck, do you reckon Hoss Williams can hear us talking?" he muttered.



Three figures approached and Huck, too, lost his nerve. "It's the devils sure enough. Tom we're goners!" he whispered. Then they recognised the newcomers as young Dr. Robinson with Muff Potter, a drunkard, and Injun Joe, a half-breed of bad character. It was soon clear that they had come to dig up Williams's body for Robinson. In those days doctors found it difficult to obtain corpses for dissection and study.



Their work completed, the two rascals employed by Robinson demanded more payment, and threatened him. He knocked Potter senseless, but Injun Joe picked up the knife Potter had used on the coffin and stabbed and robbed the doctor. Then he placed the knife in the hand of his unconscious partner. When Muff came to, Injun Joe made the poor befuddled creature believe that it was he who had struck the fatal blow.



Tom and Huck had fled when Robinson was stabbed, and they took refuge in a barn. They were nearly scared to death by the tragedy they had witnessed but, fearing the vengeance of murderous Injun Joe if they told anyone about it, they solemnly swore to keep it a secret. Then a stray dog howled close at hand, an omen, they had heard from the Negroes, that the person nearest to it at the time would soon die!

Huck, with his superstitious notions, has landed the pair in a dreadful situation. See next week's instalment

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ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings collects contributions and buys an alarm clock as a leaving present for Mr. Wilkins, but the master unwittingly confiscates his own gift before the presentation ceremony. Jennings seeks advice from Mr. Carter and learns that Mr. Wilkins is not leaving after all. He is now faced with the task of disposing of the surplus gift without incurring the wrath of the subscribers.

20. Farewell to the Gift

MR. WILKINS arrived back in time for school on Monday morning; and with his return the question of how to dispose of the alarm clock became more acute.

Mr. Carter did his best to straighten things out. He had a word with Mr. Wilkins, and as a result the clock was handed back to Jennings, without more ado. But far from settling matters, this seemed rather to aggravate the difficulties.

"You'll have to do something about it, and pretty wizzard quickly, too, Jen," Darbshire said, as the boys were changing in the pavilion after cricket practice that afternoon. "Temple and Atkinson were creating like blinko all through lunch. They reckon they've been swindled, and they jolly well want their share given back to them."

"What do they expect me to do

—bust the clock up into 79 small chunks, and give everyone a bit each?" Jennings complained, slipping his belt round his waist. "I go to all the trouble of organising everything and then everybody turns on me and says . . . Ow! . . . Ouch . . . Fossilised fish-hooks!"

He stopped suddenly in the act of reaching for his jacket, as a sharp pain bored into the small of his back and made him catch his breath.

"What's up?" asked Darbshire.

"I don't know. I've got a pain just here." Jennings crooked his elbow to indicate the site of his

MYSTERY ON THE MOOR

A thrilling new story of adventure on Exmoor

by Garry Hogg

BEGINS NEXT WEEK

affliction, and then stopped with a gasp. "Wow! There it is again."

"I expect it's gout or housemaid's knee or something," said Darbshire solemnly. "I should go and see Matron if I were you."

Jennings limped painfully indoors and made his way upstairs. Every now and then he stopped with a little gasp as the stabbing pain caught him in the back; but at last he reached the door of Matron's room and tottered weakly across the threshold.

"Oh, Matron, I'm suffering terrible tortures!" he gasped. "It started when I changed back after cricket, and Darbshire thinks it's housemaid's gout."

Diagnosis

Matron received the news calmly. "Slip your jacket off and I'll have a look."

One glance was enough to reveal the cause of the trouble.

"Yes, I see what it is," she said. "A clear case of twisted-belt-buckle-itis."

"Wow! That sounds bad," Jennings exclaimed. "Shall I have to see the doctor, Matron?"

"Oh, no, it's not serious!" She straightened out the twisted belt and slackened the adjustable buckle which had ridden up over the waistband of his shorts, and was pressing into his back with every incautious movement.

"Thank you, Matron," said Jennings, delighted at being restored once more to normal health. "It was a nasty shock when I felt it, I don't mind telling you."

He was about to take his leave when his glance strayed towards the fireplace; on the mantelpiece above were a number of birthday greetings cards. "I say, Matron, these aren't—er—I mean it's not your birthday today, by any chance, is it?"

She admitted it with a smile.

His face lighted up with inspiration; Matron's birthday . . . why, of course! He knew now what he could do with the troublesome timepiece.

He hurried from the room, chortling with delight at his brilliant idea. Good old Matron! She was ever so decent, he told himself as he trotted downstairs. If ever anyone deserved a present for services rendered, that person was her.

News bulletin

At the bottom of the stairs he found Darbshire waiting for him.

"How's the gout?" his friend inquired, with kindly concern.

"Never mind that now," Jennings answered impatiently. "I've just had a supersonic brain-wave about what we can do with the clock."

"Oh, good-o. What?"

"We'll give it to Matron. Run along to the Common-room and broadcast a news bulletin. Tell them it's her birthday today, and a famous special presentation ceremony will take place directly after tea."

Matron was surprised when Venables and Temple knocked at her sitting-room door shortly after tea, and told her that her presence was requested in the Common-room.

When she arrived she found the room packed from wall to wall with boys. In front of them stood Jennings, holding an object swathed in layers of newspaper. Mr. Carter was there, too, affecting to take no notice of the elaborate preparations that were taking place around him.

"What's all this about my being wanted?" she asked pleasantly.

Jennings stepped forward and thrust the bulky parcel into her hands.

"As it's your birthday, Matron, and because you've been so decent to us, all the chaps want me to give you this."

Matron peeled off the wrappings and looked at the gift with pleasure and surprise. "An alarm clock; how lovely!" she exclaimed. "But you shouldn't have spent your money on me, you know."

Darbshire's speech

The 79 subscribers stood beaming and smiling, like proud parents at a school concert. Then Darbshire edged his way out of the throng and whispered in Jennings' ear.

"I say, what about my famous speech? I spent hours preparing it, don't forget."

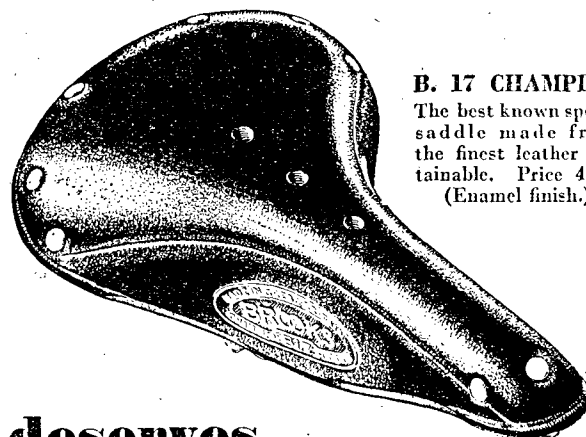
"Sorry, Darbi. I'd forgotten that you were going to waffle. You'd better do it now, and get it over with." Jennings turned to the crowd and announced: "Attention, please! I now call upon C. E. J. Darbshire to address the meeting with a few well-chosen words."

"Good old Darbi!" called Venables, and at once a thunderous burst of applause echoed round the room.

Mr. Wilkins heard the noise as he came marching along the corridor; he thrust open the Common-room door, bristling with indignation at such rowdy

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A good Saddle . . .



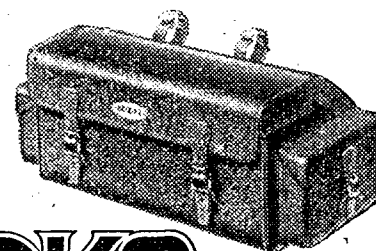
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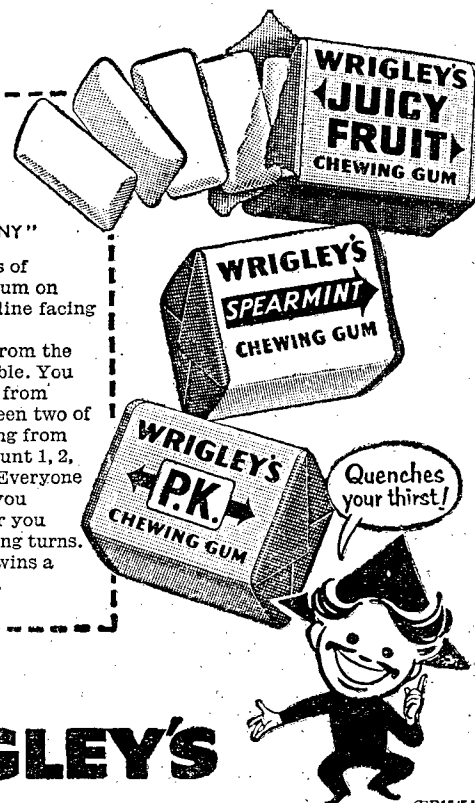
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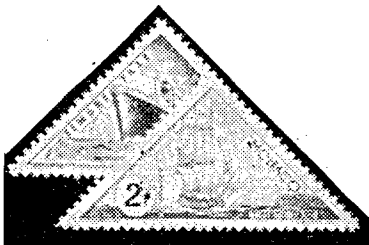


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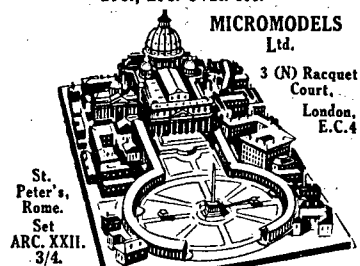
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MARS AT ITS NEAREST

By the CN Astronomer

MARS is now almost at its nearest to us and may be seen to the greatest advantage owing to the absence of the Moon. The planet should be looked for low in the south-east sky as soon as it becomes dark.

Mars, which does not rise until about eleven o'clock, will be readily recognised by its reddish hue and by being much the brightest "star" in that region of the sky.

It will be seen at its best in about three weeks' time when it will be at its nearest to us, 38,300,000 miles away. In fact, Mars will be at its nearest to the Earth for 13 years.

SEAS AND LAKES

Possessors of telescopes in this country will be able to study the surface of Mars under the best conditions for this year's apparition, which presents Mars with a disc half as wide again compared with eight years ago. Much more detail will therefore be seen on its surface which is so interesting but presents so many problems, particularly that of the so-called "canals."

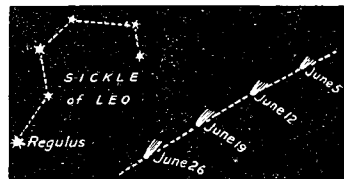
Though the "Canali" are now no longer regarded as water-courses, they nevertheless appear to be irrigated stretches and belts of vegetation which extend from one obvious water area to another.

These water areas take the form of seas, the largest being about equal in area to our Mediterranean. There are several lakes, varying in size according to Martian seasons and some, like Australia's Lake Eyre, occasionally drying-up and vanishing.

When viewed through a good telescope of not less than about 15 inches aperture, Mars is seen to present "geographical" outlines singularly similar to many on our Earth, with capes, inlets, isthmuses, and channels that can leave no doubt that land and water areas exist. There are also estuaries, and between these and the "lakes" can be seen what appears to be belts or strips of vegetation.

Much is to be inferred from all this, and when it is found that the general colour of these and other land areas changes in tint as the Martian seasons progress from winter to summer and autumn, it leaves little room for doubt that the surface of Mars presents many similarities to the Earth.

On the other hand, it is known that conditions on Mars are vastly different to those on Earth and that no one could ever take up an abode there.



The calculated path of the Comet Abell 1953g low in the west

THE Comet Abell 1953g is continuing its course through the western sky and is now in the constellation of Leo, as indicated in the star-map. The comet is becoming brighter and should be soon visible to the naked eye if the twilight sky does not prevent it; in any case glasses are desirable.

G. F. M.

ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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behaviour... Then he saw Matron holding the alarm clock; he saw Jennings standing beside her, and Darbshire acknowledging the applause of the crowd with a modest simper... And at once Mr. Wilkins' anger melted completely away.

It had been something of a shock to him to learn from Mr. Carter that Jennings and his friends had meant no disrespect by their extraordinary behaviour towards him—rather the reverse; and his feelings had been touched at the idea of these muddle-headed little boys actually feeling sorry when they thought that he was leaving.

He had misjudged them. They could not really be so bad as he had supposed if they entertained such tender feelings on his behalf. Scatterbrained, certainly, but not bad.

He stood quietly in the doorway as Darbshire cleared his throat for the famous oration.

"Matron and Gentlemen. Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, it gives me much pleasure to be very happy to—er—very happy to..."

The orator faltered. What on earth came next? For the life of him he could not remember. He searched his brain frantically, and then went pale with panic as he

realised that every word of his carefully planned speech had fled from his mind.

He gulped and stammered haltingly: "Very happy to—er—very happy... Oh, fish-hooks, I can't remember what comes next. Happy something... happy... happy..."

"Happy Birthday to you!" Jennings sang out at the top of his voice. "Happy Birthday to you!"

And then all the 79 boarders joined in the song with the full force of their lungs:

"Happy Birthday, dear Matron.
Happy Birthday to you!"

As the last notes died away, the sudden nerve-shattering, ear-splitting shrilling of the alarm clock broke on the air. Matron leapt like a wild gazelle, and then recovered and broke into a peal of laughter. Soon everybody was laughing with her.

Mr. Wilkins did not actually laugh. But he was smiling inwardly as he closed the door and made his way along the corridor.

"Silly little boys!" he muttered to himself, though not unkindly. "Silly little boys!"

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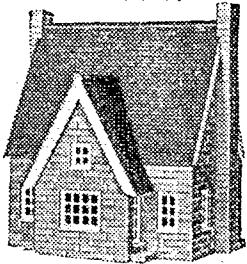
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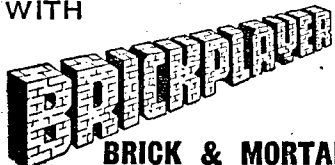
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LESLIE COMPTON, the Middlesex wicket-keeper, will hope for sunshine next weekend when he takes his benefit in the match with Sussex. Elder brother of **Denis Compton**, Leslie has been with Middlesex since 1938. At Soccer he won League Championship and Cup winner's medals and two English international caps during his long service with Arsenal.



Leslie Compton

MILES SPECTOR, the 19-year-old engineering student who has played Soccer for Chelsea and last year gained his English amateur international cap, hopes to win further fame on the tennis courts. He is shortly entering his first open competitions.

THE 1954 Cycle Tour of Britain will start at Yarmouth on Sunday. Forty British cyclists, and teams from France, Belgium, and Italy, will set out on the first of the 13 stages of the 1468-mile race, which will end at Alexandra Palace, London, a fortnight later.

THE Whitsun British Games, which will be staged this weekend at the White City, in co-operation with the inter-county championships, may see two world record attempts. It is hoped that **Roger Bannister** will compete in the half-mile and, with the assistance of several well-known British and European runners, beat the previous world record for this distance—1 minute 48.6 seconds. At the same meeting **Gordon Pirie** will attempt to better the three-mile record of 13 minutes 32.4 seconds.

JIMMY DELANEY, Scottish international footballer, has set up a unique record. In 1937 he won a Scottish Cup medal with Glasgow Celtic; in 1948 he gained an F.A. Cup (English) medal with Manchester United; and a few weeks ago he won an Irish Cup medal with Derry City.

THE Compton Athletic meeting is to be held in California, U.S.A., on Friday, and only the best athletes are eligible to compete. For example, the standard for the 100 yards is 9.7 secs, one-tenth of a second better than the English native record; and the 220 yards hurdles standard is 23.5 secs.—faster than any British athlete has ever achieved.

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Cold figures

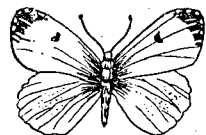
SOME icebergs are an immense size. They have been recorded to be as much as 200 feet above water level and some 200 miles long.

SPOT THE . . .

ORANGE TIP as it flutters about Lady's Smock flowers.

It is possible to mistake this pretty butterfly for a Small White, but it is a much brighter colour. Roughly a third of the outer forewing is orange, the extreme tip being almost black. There is a single black spot in the centre which varies in size. White spots appear on the outer margin of the wings. The hind wings are of a dappled, greyish-green hue, caused by markings on the under-sides.

Females are slightly larger than males and lack the brilliant orange colouring.



PROVERBIAL SUBJECT

MANY of our old proverbs are connected with boots and shoes.

A 17th-century one says: "Every shoe fits not every foot," and others of about the same date remind us it is "Better to wear out your shoes than sheets" and that "Wisdom walks in clouted shoes" (that is, without noise).

Two others, dated around 1500, also give good advice: "He goes barefooted for long who waits for dead men's shoes"; and "Where the leg is warm the boot does harm."

We all know the trouble a tight shoe can cause. Hence: "Better cut the sole than pinch the foot." A 14th-century proverb advises: "Know each shoe that pinches."

Then there is the old saying: "Squeaking shoes are not paid for." And remember that "None are so well shod, but they may slip."

A diamond

Can you form a diamond of words with answers to these clues? Words start with the same letter.

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Enquire

Grow on oak trees

Go forward

The Queen visited here

Circus artist

Performs on the stage

Donkey

The end of banana.

Answer next week

HOOTS AND CATCALLS FOR JACKO



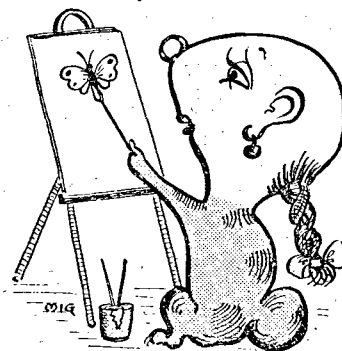
As the weather had been so hot and stuffy Jacko decided to sleep out of doors. "So peaceful and cool," he murmured, just dropping off to sleep in the hammock. But as the shadows lengthened, so the bats came out to flit past him. Then a family of owls began to hoot, and the next door cats started a chorus! Jacko fled indoors for the quiet of his stuffy room!

Head light

THERE was an old lady from Honiton,
Who had a most wonderful bonnet on.

Of lace it was made
And of bits of brocade,
And ribbons of satin that on it shone.

Kindly Kreetchers



Pretty Bunniplatt
By painting things,
Repairs any damage
To Butterflies' wings

Three-in-one

KIND of gull
Senior Naval officer
Spanish province
Ceremonial march once used by the German army
Syrian town where the name "Christian" originated
East European country
King of the fairies in Midsummer Night's Dream
Leopard-like animal found in America

To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell out the names of two wild animals.

Ad ake al An ch el er Goo Kit
ma mir Na nia Ob Oc on ot rre
Ru ses tep tio tiw va

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Good influence

"I CAN'T understand it," sighed Father. "You used to be just as good as Johnny Evans at arithmetic."

"Yes, Dad, I was," sighed Jack. "But, you see, I don't sit next to him now."

MIXED GRILL

WE once had a cook from Mauritius,
Whose dishes were really ambitious.
He made us a pie
Out of oysters and rye,
And really it tasted delicious.

Cricket puzzle

MY first is in crease but not in cricket,
My next is in pitch and also in wicket;
My third is in "howzat?" that comes like a shot,
My fourth is in umpire who says "out" or "not";
My fifth is in fielders, both short and tall,
My sixth is in bowler, also in ball;
My seventh is in googly that tricks and deceives,
My eighth is in batsman who's out and grieves;
My ninth is in Trueman, the batsman's worry,
My last is in Bedser, that champion from Surrey;
My whole is something we keep our minds on,
It's not on the pitch, but on the horizon.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Initials. IV, SA, IC, MT, CD, XL

Find it in the wood. Sorrel

Towns of Devon. Lynton, Appledore, Exeter, Barnstaple, Totnes, Dawlish

Three-in-one:

M arrya T

A borign E

C hroniu M

B uttercu P

F asthoun E

T riccp S

II azlit T

ROC	EVADE
T	OLD
PUN	GRUNT
REDEEM	E
UN	A
P	SLEDGE
STEER	ETC
EARS	OVA
TRESS	ROD

BEDTIME CORNER

CAN YOU . . .

... form eight other words by joining each of the pictures to one of the groups of words?



1. Net
2. Try
3. Party
4. Iceberg
5. Ball
6. Sun
7. Candle
8. Wall

Billy's party piece

"COME on, Billy," said Paul. "We shall have to stop now or we shall be late for Jean's party."

Billy clapped his hand to his mouth. "Oh, gosh! I'd forgotten all about it. I haven't got a costume ready."

The two boys left the park and made their way homeward, Billy thinking furiously about what he could wear as a fancy dress.

The party had begun when

Paul, in a cowboy suit, arrived at Jean's house. Jean, looking sweet as Little Red Riding Hood, asked him where Billy was.

"Oh, he'll be along in a minute," said Paul. And at that moment Billy arrived.

"What are you supposed to be?" said Jean staring at Billy's dress.

She might well have stared. Billy was dressed in a pair of frogman's flippers, bathing trunks, a sheet tied round his neck and worn as a cloak—and a goldfish bowl upside down on his head.

"Me?" he said. "I'm a man from Mars."

A PRAYER

I WILL praise God:
For every lovely thing.

For the grand mountain and the tiny pebble shining on the beach.

For the great trees in the forest and the smallest leaf in my garden.

For the blue sea and the rain-drop.

For the bright sun that makes the corn look like a field of gold, and the dark city street seem light.

For the stars high up in the sky, and the lamps that He has shown men how to make for their homes.

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Sir Kreamy Knut

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